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Wakefield Prospective Major Power In '55

Wakefield is beginning to show all comers their recent surge of power on the field of battle, indicated in last Friday's 19-0 triumph over the George Washington junior varsity. Should the majority of the squad stay intact for the 1955 season, the Warriors will field a team equivalent to other high schools in the Metropolitan area. Still comprised of juniors and sophomores, and with two games remaining on their 1954 schedule, the Wakefield team has come a long way from their opening game against Herndon last year.

Head coach Dick Johnson is well pleased with the work of line coach Walt Schulte, who has developed a defensive unit which has allowed seven opponents to score but 49 points, while backfield coach Bill Edmondston also rates praise for an offensive punch that has totaled 113 points against the same number of opponents.

In Friday's encounter, Don Gardiner did the lions share of ball toting for the Warriors, and in 10 trips, rushed 36 yards for a 3.6 average. Tom Perkins, hard hitting fullback, made 8 attempts for 34 yards for a good 5.7 average, and Allen Bauserman tried 8 at-

tempts also for 34 yards an equally good 4.3 average per carry. Harry Mayo, regular starting quarterback who played on defensive due to a bruised hand, carried only once for six yards, but intercepted an enemy aerial on his own five and returned it for a touchdown, 95 yards away. Bill Lady, calling his first full game at the quarterback post, and doing a masterful job, let his backs take the credit, and only contributed several "sneaks" in the attack which netted a total of 165 yards.

One big improvement in the Warriors offensive is their air game, which offset the defenders and enabled sustained drives to carry for the vital yardage to pay-dirt. The Green and White completed three of six attempts for 41 yards.

With Perkins, Gardiner, Lady, Rick Schlapkohl, Jimmy Edwards and Bauserman supplying the offensive, stalwarts Bill Gordan, Joe Patalive, Dick Stamp, Al Lederle, Charles Maddox, Jim MacIntosh, Phil Brumbaugh, Howard Pennell, Pete Arnston, John Booth and Jerry Tempski halted the George Washington offense. Linebackers Dave French, Mert McGill, Henry Mayo, Dave Hohrhardts, Steve and

Ed Hall were also outstanding, especially in the previously weak pass defense.

Friday's coming encounter against Mount Vernon will disclose just how well the Warriors have progressed, and will somewhat determine the comparative strength of Wakefield and Washington-Lee, who have already defeated the Mounts by a lopsided score of 47-6. Whatever the outcome, the Warriors are still a growing team, and could reach their heights in 1955 and remain another Northern Virginia power for years to come.